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SUBJECT: NEW SECRETARY GENERAL OF MALAWI CONGRESS PARTY (MCP)

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1. LOCAL MEDIA ANNOUNCED MAY 30 THAT EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 MINISTER OF EDUCATION ELSON B. MULUZI WOULD ASSUME POSITION OF SECGEN OF MCP AND RODWELL T.C. MUNYENYEMBE WOULD LEAVE THAT POSITION TO RETURN TO PREVIOUS JOB OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION. ANNOUNCEMENT CAME FROM LONDON WHERE LIFE PRESIDENT BANDA ATTENDING SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AND COMMONWEALTH SUMMUT.

2. THERE NO REPEAT NO CONSENSUS OF OPINION AS TO MEANING OR TIMING; ONLY CONSENSUS SEEMS TO BE THAT SWITCH IS NOT VERY SIGNIFICANT, OPINION WHICH WE SHARE.

3. MUNYENYEMBE, WHO IS MORE TECHNICIAN THAN POLITICIAN, MAY NOT HAVE BEEN HAPPY IN SENIOR PARTY JOB AND MAY HAVE HINTED HE WOULD

PREFER TO RETURN TO EDUCATION WHERE HE DID GOOD JOB AND WAS WELL RESPECTED.

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4. MULUZI, WHO IS YOUNG (33) AND OUTGOING, APPEARS VERY BIT THE POLITICIAN AND WAS A SURPRISE APPOINTMENT TO EDUCATION FOR WHICH HE HAD NO REPEAT NO VALID CREDENTIALS. EVEN AFTER APPOINTMENT TO EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER 1976 HE REMAINED HEAVILY CONCERNED WITH PARTY AFFAIRS.

HE IS THOUGHT TO BE PROTEGE OF MINISTER OF YOUTH

AND CULTURE CHAKUAMBA PHIRI.

5. SOME INTERPRET MOVING MULUZI INTO TOP PARTY SLOT SIGNIFIES CURRENT HIGH STATURE OF CHAKUAMBA PHIRI WHO IS SENIOR MINISTER IN GO AND PRESENTLY WITH BANDA IF LONDON. MULUZI'S BACKGROUND IS WITH MALAWI YOUNG PIONEERS AND HE WAS JUNIOR MINISTER FOR YOUTH AND CULTURE.

6. OTHERS INTEPRET MULUZI'S RISE AS DOWNGRADING OF TOP PARTY JOB BY BANDA WHO MAY FEEL MORE SECURE WITH LOYAL PARTY HACKS OF MEDIOCRE TALENT SUCH AS CHAKUAMBA PHIRI AND MULUZISRATHER THAN SOMEONE INTELLIGENT AND ABLE LIKE MUNYENYEMBE OR CUNNING AND ABLE LIKE MUWALO. APROPOS OF LATTER HE (AND GWEDE) STILL UNDER DEATH SENTENCE AFTER DISMISSION OF APPEAL. BANDA'S TACTIC MAY BE TO SIMPLY LET THEM ROT IN JAIL.
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